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Subject: Follow up regarding Merrimack NH

Good morning Ms Dunn, just a quick follow-up in regards to my previous email about SG in Merrimack. I was just wondering if your staff had a chance to look over the test results and to observe how much contamination we are actually dealing with here in Merrimack.

Also, I would like to bring to your attention that a development by Flatley Company that is going in beside the property of SG, is also highly contaminated with water readings of 1400 PPT and multiple soil contamination readings.

Due to the contamination, it was told that this is an OSHA D1 problem and it has come to my attention that the construction workers were never told that they were dealing with contaminated water or soil and have not been given the proper hazardous material protection.

In regards to the contamination, the Flatley company is not allowed to remove the top 24 in of highly contaminated soil from the property and have it sitting in giant mounds on the property that affect the people of our town on a daily basis due to the fact it is not being properly contained. With every windy dry day that we have, the contaminated soil is being blown around and further contaminating the air, homes, local properties, soil and water. Also add to the fact that everybody is now breathing that contamination in once again.

We are also receiving major push-back by DES who doesn't seem to be willing to do their jobs in regards to protecting us from the contamination as they have allowed the Flatley property to go forward even though they have contamination readings of 1400 PPT in the water testings and our state suggested limit is 70 PPT. Once again contaminated groundwater is leaching into our Brooks and Rivers which are our main source of water for the town.

Also, on the DES One Stop website where certain documents were once available, they are now unable to be found. They have also buried the information so far and so deep and made it extremely difficult to get to, so that we are not able to question things that are going on in our town.

It is my opinion and the opinion of many in our town that we are not being protected by our state and that our state is working in favor of the polluters and contaminates.

In regards to the ATSDR report where it is spelled out in black and white the issues with these PFAS chemicals, our state has once again chosen to take the path of least resistance and they let us continue to be poisoned instead of focusing on the health and well-being of the residents of New Hampshire and continue to protect once again the polluters, the major businesses that are responsible.

I thank you for your time and attention

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